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In August 2010, Mr. Erk assumed duties as the Deputy Program Executive Officer for Unmanned Aviation in the Program Executive Office for Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons (PEO(U&W)). As the Deputy PEO for Unmanned Aviation, Mr. Erk is responsible for the planning and execution of all Navy and Marine Corps unmanned aviation programs, including endurance, tactical, combat and joint programs, and the Navy's targets and decoy systems programs

He began his NAVAIR career in 1983 as a support equipment engineer for H-60 helicopters. In 1990, he became the lead civilian logistician for the P-3 aircraft, helping to pioneer the integrated maintenance concept. In 1995, he became Assistant Program Executive Officer for Logistics for PEO(A).

In 1997, Mr. Erk co-led NAVAIR's activity-based costing (ABC) and business process re-engineering (BPR) efforts. In 1999, he became the functional team-lead for NAVAIR's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) program, leading to successful ERP "go-live" in 2003.

In 2003, he became the Principal Deputy Program Manager for Cruise Missile Weapons Systems (PMA-282), where he led the development, procurement, and life-cycle support of Tomahawk and Harpoon weapons control systems.

In 2005 Mr. Erk was selected to the Senior Executive Service as the Director of Logistics Management Integration for the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), Patuxent River, MD, leading NAVAIR program logisticians in providing and sustaining cost-wise readiness for the Naval Aviation Enterprise.

A native of northeastern Pennsylvania, Mr. Erk received his bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering from the Pennsylvania State University and his master's in education from Marymount University. He graduated from the Defense Systems Management College, the Federal Executive Institute, and the Senior Executive Management Development Program. He received the Superior Civilian Service Award in 2001.